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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### NOTICE.

A LARGE BOX was STOLEN this morning from or heard the Steamer "HONAM," containing 14 Sarcins of the Canton Land Property Company, some Clothing, &c.

The finder will be rewarded by returning same to Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO. It is hereby notified that anyone attempting to negotiate the Sarcins will be prosecuted.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1900.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSU.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be dispatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900.

NAVIGATION GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florin and Rebatino United Companies).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY.

Having connexion with Company's Mail Steam-

ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN, and

GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE,

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GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCE-

LONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE,

ALMERIA, and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"BISAGNO,"

Captain Magagnini, will be dispatched as

above on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at NOON.

At BOMBAJ the Steamers are discharging in

VICTORIA DOCK.

For further particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900.

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MARSEILLE, HAVRE, COPEN-

HAGEN and ST. PETERSBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANNAM"

will be dispatched as above on or about WED-

NESDAY, the 16th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

FROM TRIESTE, PLUME, PORT SAID

SUEZ, ADEN, KARRACHI, BOMBAY,

PENANG and SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"TRILESTE,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel holds Cargo —

From Trieste ex "Imperial," trans-

ported by Bremen.

From Venetia, ex "Caribida" and Massimiliano, ex "Carrara" ex Trieste.

Optional Carr will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent to the Office of the undersigned before NOON, on the 15th January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns for the 15th January will be considered as lost.

Bills of Lading to be countersigned by

SANDEE, WIEHLER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction.

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY),

the 15th January, 1900, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sale Room, Duddell Street,

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising —

TOUBLES and SINGLE BRASS-MOUN-

TED IRON BEDSTEADS, TEAK WASH-

ROBES with GLASS DOORS, TOILET

TABLES, MARBLE TOP WASH STANDS,

DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS,

EASY CHAIRS, ELECTRO-PLATE and

GLASSWARE, &c., &c.

TRUNKS, &c., with APPURTENANCES

and A LARGE QUANTITY of PHOTOGRAP-

HIC PLATES.

On View from Thursday, the 15th January.

Catalogues will be issued.

TELEGRAMS — As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions

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on SATURDAY,

the 20th January, 1900, at 11 A.M.

The well-known

STEAM-LAUNCH WINDSOR HOTEL,

Length over all 633 feet, beam 114 feet,

depth 63 feet.

TERMS — Cash on fall of hammer.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions

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on MONDAY,

the 22nd January, 1900, at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, Ice House Street,

THE VALUABLE PROPERTY

known as

"DUNLOP,"

on Rum Building, No. 39, The Peak.

For further particulars apply to

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES.

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND

STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL

MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this

Company will be held at the Office of the

Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on

TUESDAY, the 23rd of January, instant, at

3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose

of receiving the Report of the Directors

together with a Statement of Accounts

for the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 7th to 15th

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WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are acknowledged by the leading English makers to be equal to those of their own production.

Sir Edward Frankland, K.C.B., D.C.L., F.R.S., F.C.S., &c. (recently deceased), who was the most eminent authority of the day on the subject, lately reported as follows on the water as prepared and used in our Factories —

"It possesses an extremely high degree of organic purity and is of most excellent quality for drinking."

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trial will prove successful. The writer argues, however, as though it were optional to France to make the port free or not according to its own judgment. This we believe, is not the case. The agreement under which the port was leased to France has not been made public, but presumably the terms are similar to those incorporated in the agreements referring to Kinchow, Taliowan, and Weihsien, namely, that the port shall be open to the vessels and trade of all nations on equal terms. This condition would not preclude the imposition of Customs duties if that should be considered a necessary or desirable form of raising revenue, but in such case the duties would have to be levied on all alike and could not be used for protective purposes, that is to say, for giving an advantage to the trade of the nation owning the lease over that of other nations.

As to the commercial prospects of Kwangtchauwan, while no doubt a considerable local trade may spring up if no official restrictions be placed upon it, it is unlikely that the port will become a great emporium. It is too near Hongkong to become a regular port of call or the seat of a large transhipment trade, especially as the harbour is much inferior to that of Hongkong and it could not offer any counterbalancing advantages in the way of economy, seeing that Hongkong is a free port, except as regards light dues, and is one of the cheapest places in the world for shipping. The fact, however, that other nations are in the field trying to divert trade from British ports to their own is one that ought to be taken note of by those who advocate the imposition of tonnage dues as a means of raising revenue. It should be a cardinal point in the policy of Hongkong to impose no additional burdens upon shipping, and it may even become necessary to sacrifice the existing light dues.

Mr. David Jackson's greenhouses at Yoko-hama were burnt down on the 1st last. Mr. H. Kopeck has resigned from the Chinese Imperial Customs Service, and is a passenger on board the *Ernest Simon*.

The Government dredger *St. Bosch* has gone to Shanghai from Weihaiwei for a general overhaul. Messrs. S. C. Farnham & Co. have the work in hand.

The Japan Mail steamer *Kasagawa Maru* (Expo Liner) left Singapore on Saturday last, and is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the 18th instant.

Prince Valdemar, of Denmark, arrived at Bangkok on the 29th December. On New Year's Eve the Danish residents gave a ball in His Royal Highness's honour.

The maximum temperature last month was 28.3, on the 12th and the minimum 54.0, on the 1st, the mean for the whole month being 68.2, the rainfall amounting to 1.39 inches.

We would remind our readers of the lecture to be delivered by Mr. W. W. Drummond this afternoon, under the auspices of the Old Volume Society, on "National Trouble."

Orders in Council are published in the *Government Gazette* of the 1st instant, authorizing an extension of the Mount Davis Cemetery and an extension of the cemetery near Minatsumi, in British Kowloon.

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An important notification with reference to the campaign against rats will be found among today's advertisements.

H.M.S. *Captain* arrived yesterday from Lantau. She did not visit Sandakan and has nothing to do with the Mat Salleh troubles.

The *Koda Chonko*, of the 6th rank, says the plague is now considered to have totally disappeared from Kado. No fresh cases have been reported since the 23rd ult., and all the houses which had been isolated have been released from quarantine.

The following will play for the Hongkong Club against the Navy to-day. Kick-off, 4.15 p.m. — Mr. Johnson, Capt.; M. L. Wilkinson, H. Hancock, A. Clements, and A. Heath, three-quarters; A. I. Stow and A. Williams, halves; R. Castle, W. Loring, A. E. Isaac, H. McMurtrie, B. Maxwell, X. Vyvyan, E. Deacon, and E. Sanders, forwards.

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ARRIVAL OF H.E. LI HUNG CHANG.

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CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

At noon on Saturday the third ordinary annual meeting of the China Provident and Mortgage Company, limited, was held at the office of the General Managers (Messrs. Shewan, Tong and Co., Praya Concessions). Mr. Shewan occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. J. S. van Barneveld, Chow Hing, Ki, Cheung Tang Shang (Consulting Committee), C. Evans, A. G. Morris, F. J. V. Jorge, E. S. Kelly, H. W. Dunn, T. H. Reid, A. Babington, A. Ranjhan, F. M. Gutierrez, Fung Wu Chuan, and Cheung King Ting.

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Phil May's Annual. 70  
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The P. and O. Pocket Book, New Ed. 1.75  
The Yellow River, Comments on the Report made by John Ryk, Jan. 24th, 1899. 1.00  
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WAR MAPS.  
BACON'S, PHILIP'S, "DAILY MAIL," KIRK JOHNSTON'S, "STRAND," &c., &c.

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COMPOUND ENGINE with CONDENSER. Cylinder . . . . . 9 inches. Stroke . . . . . 12 "  
BOILER. Length . . . . . 7' 6 ". Diameter . . . . . 6 "  
CYLINDER. I.P. . . . . 9 inches. L.P. . . . . 18 "  
Applies THE MITSUI-BUSSAN KAISHA, 6, Ito Iku Street, Praia Central, Hongkong, 9th January 1900. [191]

## W. B. BREWER &amp; CO.

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.  
The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates. DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO., Agents for the Phenix Fire Office, Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [173]  
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For the information of members of the Society who telegraphed the preliminary figures for the Year 1899, and for the purpose of showing the progress made in the corresponding returns of the two preceding years, are cited:

## INSURANCES

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.  
The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are authorized to accept Fire, Casual, Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates. SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [2843]

NORTH BRITISH & MERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1899. £13,935,939 0s. 0d.

I. SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £21,000,000 8 s. 3 d.

Paid-up Capital £15,750,000 0 s. 0 d.

II. RESERVE FUND £1,250,000 0 s. 0 d.

III. INTEREST ALLOWED 2% on Current Account.

Fixed Deposits 2 months 2%

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